

HOUSE No. 1438

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey relative to the protection from identity theft by requiring photographs on credit card applications. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROTECT AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 25 of chapter 140D of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—
4 Such request or application shall not satisfy the requirements of
5 the first paragraph unless, in addition to any other requirements
6 prescribed by law, it is accompanied by a current photographic
7 image from the frontal view of the unobstructed face of the person
8 submitting such request or application, where such person is a nat-
9 ural person. Where the issuing creditor is engaged in the sale of
10 property or services at retail, which the card to be issued may be
11 used to obtain on credit, such photographic image shall be pro-
12 duced and obtained by the card issuer or its agent on premises,
13 and by the use of photographic equipment, controlled or operated
14 by the issuing creditor or an agent or employee thereof at the time
15 of the submission of such request or application.